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TOPIC Parachute Jumps Near TULA, Tula Oblast, Moscow MD

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT October 1947 to February 1948

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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February 1948

1. An airfield was observed from a distance west of the road to OREL ( $36^{\circ}5'$  E/ $52^{\circ}57'$  N), presumably on the western town border of TULA ( $37^{\circ}37'$  E/ $54^{\circ}12'$  N).
2. Eight twin-engine aircraft, similar to the German FW-58, took off almost daily from this airfield, from morning to night, at intervals of 30 minutes. Five men parachuted from each of the aircraft from an altitude of about 2,650 feet. Disassembled guns were also dropped with parachutes. The parachutists reassembled the guns on the ground and took up positions. Paratroopers and guns were trucked to the airfield. Night flying was seldom observed. \*
3. An artillery officer candidate school equipped with 60 to 70 guns was observed south of TULA. A strikingly large number of 172-mm guns and of self-propelled AA guns, similar to German 88-mm AA guns, were seen on the road to OREL.

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4. [ ] Comment:

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\* a. [ ] confirmed mass parachute jumps from slowly flying aircraft over a large airfield near TULA in July 1947.

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\* b. [ ] confirmed intensive parachute training in the vicinity of the TULA freight station in August 1948. He reported that, within two hours, groups of about 10 aircraft each flew over the freight station at intervals of 10 minutes and that 20 men jumped from each of the planes.

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\* c. [redacted] confirmed frequent parachute jumps from twin-engine aircraft over an airfield near TULA in November 1947.

d. The aircraft type reportedly similar to the F4-58 may have been the Yak-6 or an improved version of it (either the Yak-8 or the Yak-16). The regular training would indicate the existence of a parachute training center for regular parachute units. According to information of August 1946, a pilot school, a signal and a parachute school were located in TULL.

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